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Hits the W. C. T. U. a Jolt.

LOCUST COTTAGE, Jan 18, 1909.
Ed. Register—I note in your W. C. T. U. Column of Jan. 14th issue, a statement so wide from the facts that I feel impelled to call the writer thereof to account. The article begins, "Young man, did you ever ask yourself why there are so many people in the world's unemployed, and why so many fill a drunkard's grave? There is employment for the entire world—yes, honorable employment."

Now, I have no quarrel with temperance people, and the W. C. T. U. has done, and is doing a noble work; but temperance workers can gain nothing by misrepresentation. There is not employment for every one, and drunkenness is not responsible for any great percent of the idleness of the world. Let, however, I be accused of making bold assertions unfounded in fact, let me call as witness Hon. Carroll D. Wright, U. S. Labor Commissioner. I quote from his 18th annual report: Establishments closed, unable to work and slack work—per cent. 56.96
Sickness 23.45
Vacation 6.45
Bad weather 2.35
Strike 2.07
Accident 1.66
Not given 6.08
Drunkenness .26

You will see by this table, Mr. Editor, that drunkenness is responsible for twenty-six hundredths of one percent of the idleness of the working man.

On another page of the same report I find a table showing how the wages of labor are expended on an average:

Fresh Beef.....	\$50.05	Fruit.....	16.52
Salt Beef.....	4.26	Vinegar, Pickles.....	4.12
Fresh Hog Prod.....	13.89	Religious Purp's.....	7.92
Salt Hog Prod.....	13.89	Rent.....	59.52
Other Meat.....	9.78	On Mortgage.....	12.15
Poultry.....	16.79	Lighting.....	5.15
Fish.....	8.01	Clothing.....	107.50
Eggs.....	16.79	Milk.....	5.76
Butter.....	28.78	Insurance.....	20.98
Cheese.....	2.62	Organiz'n Fees.....	8.99
Lard.....	9.35	Religious Purp's.....	7.92
Tea.....	5.39	Charity.....	2.39
Coffee.....	10.74	Furniture, etc.....	26.28
Sugar.....	15.75	Amusem'ts, etc.....	12.30
Molasses.....	1.89	Books & Papers.....	5.38
Flour and Meal.....	16.76	Intox'g Liquors.....	12.45
Bread.....	12.44	Tobacco.....	19.91
Rice.....	2.05	Sickness & Death.....	20.52
Potatoes.....	12.54	Other Purposes.....	45.14
Other Vegetables.....	18.55		
Total for All Purposes.....			\$708.54

Commenting on these figures

Wayland's Monthly says, in part: "Imagine taking one's wife and children to the seaside on \$20 per year!

"Again, we find the working man and his family yearly spending \$26 for furniture. How many pianos would that provide? This sum wouldn't furnish a doghouse for a second-rate captain of industry, yet it is expended to furnish a working man's home.

"Your moralists will point to the fact that the working man spends \$23.16 for liquors and tobacco, and they will tear their hair while pointing to the evils which follow this accursed traffic, forgetting that it is the profits from the liquor and tobacco taxes which enable the government to carry on its policy and send ships and munitions of war to the Orient.

"They overlook the fact that they are partners with the saloon-keeper, the distiller and the brewer debauching mankind for a few miserable dollars of profit. They overlook the fact that in the White House of the United States more is spent in a day for wines and tobacco than the working man's family spends in a year.

"They overlook the fact that the men and women who support the pulpits from which are hurled these doctrines at the extravagance of the poor consume many millions of dollars per year in champagne, and that a Morgan will in one day spend more for wines than a working man does in five years."

Intemperance is a terrible evil, but in combating it let us confine ourselves strictly within the limits of truth.

The man who says there is employment for all is either a paid capitalist writer or a fool.

F. P. HILBURN.

Republicans Criticize The President.

As the time for the president's retirement from the White House approaches, the republican papers begin to criticize Mr. Roosevelt quite freely. The Kansas City Journal, which was a very enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Taft, published the following editorial criticism of the president:

LINCOLN AND ROOSEVELT.

Upon one occasion Mr. Lincoln, walking down the street in Springfield, observed a little girl sitting on a doorstep weeping bitterly. He stopped and inquired what the trouble was. It seemed that the

little girl had been going on a short railroad journey to visit her grandmother. Her trunk was packed and she was all ready, but the express wagon had not come. The train was almost due; it was too late to get an express wagon, and so the journey must be given up. "Never mind," said Mr. Lincoln, "I can handle that trunk all right. Come on, we can make it." The trunk went up on Congressman Lincoln's back, and the two arrived at the station out of breath, but in time for the little girl to catch the train.—From "Anecdotes of Lincoln."

The Chicago Tribune contains the following telegram:

Washington, D. C., December 31.—Careton B. Hazard, a wealthy Virginian who lives on a thirty-acre tract near Rock Creek park, where his young daughter takes daily rides, has sent the following letter to the president:

"Theodore Roosevelt—Dear Sir: My little daughter, Martha, fourteen years old, came home about two weeks ago from a horse-back ride crying, and stated that she had been accosted by you while riding in Rock Creek park. She informs me that she unexpectedly came upon your party and guard, and not wishing to pass you, she simply rode slowly back to the road that would lead her towards home, whereupon you turned on her and asked her if she did not think she had followed you long enough, and ordered her to take a side road, which would have led her away from home. She refused to do this, and promptly told you she would take the other road, which led toward her home, and did so. Did you expect my little daughter to dismount upon meeting you? I can not comprehend how a gentleman could accost young girls unprotected on a public road with fits of anger. As for my little girl, she shall take her rides as usual, and if she should be so unfortunate as to meet you again I feel confident that this communication from me will be sufficient to assure her safety hereafter.

CARELTON B. HAZARD."

In forwarding this letter Mr. Hazard addressed it to Mr. Roosevelt as an individual and not as president of the United States—though we don't see what difference it makes how he addressed it. All individuals are not presidents, though all presidents have the misfortune to be individuals. Mr. Hazard and his daughter will, of course, have the sympathy of all who learn of the occurrence, though he is not wholly free of blame. He should have known (and by this time does) that any young lady riding unattended in or near Washington is liable at any moment to meet people who are drunk or otherwise not in their right minds, or who are suffering from bigheaditis, or who are bullies or generally ill-mannered.—Kansas City Journal.

Non-Radical Treatment of Rupture.

Is rupture curable? The usual answer is that it cannot be cured except by a radical surgical operation. What does osteopathy say?

Of course much depends on the type of the particular case and the age of the patient. There are a number of different kinds of hernia. They are known technically as inguinal, femoral or umbilical hernia. There are still other kinds, and there are modifications of these types as well.

About six months ago a little boy was brought to a well known specialist for an examination. Investigation showed that the little fellow was suffering with an inguinal hernia and the father was told that the only cure was an operation to reduce the size of the inguinal canal.

The father, while satisfied with the diagnosis, was not convinced that an operation was necessary, and went to an Osteopath. He placed the little boy under treatment. In about six months they returned to the specialist and asked for another examination. After careful examination and repeated tests the specialist declared that the boy was entirely cured. In other words osteopathy had restored the natural conditions about the inguinal canal, and there was no longer any weakness or enlargement which would permit the intestines to come down.

The Osteopath had assured the father that the boy was cured but he was somewhat skeptical and wanted the opinion of the specialist. It is difficult to see where there is any room for a mistake here. The case was a well defined one and osteopathy cured the condition.

After all, isn't it reasonable to suppose that manipulative treat-

ment will correct a condition of this sort? The trouble is nearly always due to a weakness of the soft structures about the affected part and what can be more sensible than to strengthen these parts by manipulation which naturally increases the circulation and nutrition of the defective muscles and ligament?

Osteopathy does just the sensible natural thing, and there is much reason to expect help in cases which are not of too long standing in young people and children.

The only alternative, so far as hope of cure is concerned, is a radical operation—the knife of the surgeon.

How many of these efforts fail is only too well known by the many who have tried it and after all are compelled to wear a truss.

The truss, while it may be of temporary usefulness, is not a cure. It is a makeshift. It will retain the intestines if properly fitted, but it is something which has to be used for life, and as a rule, the longer it is used the more necessary it becomes. For an artificially supported part gradually atrophies and becomes weaker.

Therefore, in all cases of hernia, or rupture, the editor would recommend consultation with an Osteopath as a desirable thing, before either submitting to the knife or surrendering to a truss for the balance of life.—Osteopathic Health.

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